

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1147

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Brigadier General David E. Greer, Assistant Adjutant General, Tennessee Army National Guard, upon his outstanding and distinguished military career.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize members of the United States Armed Forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General David E. Greer, Assistant Adjutant General, Commander of the Tennessee Army National Guard, is one such outstanding officer who, since August of 1972, has served this Nation and this State in both peace and war with great valor, professionalism, and dedication to duty, earning a much-deserved retirement in May of 2008; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Memphis native David Greer received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1972 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Regular Army, in August of 1972, following his completion of Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, his initial assignments were with the 2nd Armor Division of the 1st Battalion of the 3rd Field Artillery as Forward Observer, Battery Fire Direction Officer, and Firing Battery Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Greer later served with the 3rd Battalion of the 115th Field Artillery in a variety of command and staff positions, including Battery Executive Officer and Battery Commander, Battalion Fire Support, Battalion Fire Direction Officer, and S2; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he became the S3 AIR of the Headquarters of the 30th Separate Armor Brigade, and his continued exemplary performance earned him the S1 position; and

WHEREAS, David Greer, in 1989, then returned to the 3rd Battalion of the 115th Field Artillery, where he served as the Battalion S3 and later as the Commander; and

WHEREAS, the admirable Brigadier General Greer also served as Commander of the 1st Battalion (Field Artillery Training), 117th Regiment for the Regional Training Institute/Tennessee Military Academy before becoming, in 1998, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics for the Tennessee Army National Guard, State Area Command; and

WHEREAS, later in 1998, David Greer became Commander of the 196th Field Artillery Brigade; in July of 2001, his great leadership acumen earned him the position of Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard United States Army Field Artillery Center, in which capacity he was charged with overseeing the domains of doctrine, training, leader development, organization, material, and soldiers; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his unparalleled expertise and the éclat with which he always performed his duties, Brigadier General Greer acceded to the integrally important position of Assistant Adjutant General, Commander of the Tennessee Army National Guard in July of 2004, in which capacity he has astutely commanded and coordinated all of the more than 10,600 soldiers serving in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Furthermore, as one of our State's most eminent military leaders, he has been responsible for the training, administration, and logistics for all state and federal missions; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General David Greer also has contributed his wealth of military experience to the National Guard Association of Tennessee as a Past President; and

WHEREAS, David Greer has further distinguished himself as a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Armor Officer's Advanced Course, the Nuclear and Chemical Targeting Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Tactical Commanders Development Course, the Senior Transportation Officer Qualification Course, and the United States Army War College; he also attained a master's degree in Public Administration in 1976 from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Brigadier General Greer's unswerving commitment to excellence has earned him the Legion of Merit with the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the Silver Hourglass Device, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with the Numeral 3, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal, the Tennessee Volunteer Ribbon, the North Carolina Meritorious Service Medal, and the Rhode Island Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, David Greer exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he is a York Rite Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner and serves with distinction as a member of the Executive Board for the Middle Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Greer is an active and devout member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, which he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional achievements aside, the singular David Greer is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife of thirty-six years, the former Vera C. Sherrod, and their daughter, Kathryn A. Greer; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Greer is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished military career of Brigadier General David Greer can only be categorized as outstanding, and his courage and ability are peerless; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Brigadier General David E. Greer on his outstanding career with the United States Army and the Tennessee Army National Guard, including his meritorious service as Assistant Adjutant General, praise him for his dedication to his country and his State, thank him for his unceasing commitment to duty, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.